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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Advocacy

- Trained County Extension staff and volunteers to serve as advocates with county commissioners, state and federal legislators and other decision makers .
- Met with county commissioners, state and federal legislators and other decision makers to solicit political and financial support for Cooperative Extension programs.

Strategic Planning

- Helped develop a strategic plan for National 4-H.(4 years).
- Facilitated strategic planning sessions with both lay and professional representatives in Iowa, Minnesota, New York and Maine.

Lay Advisory Committees

- Served on the Minnesota Cooperative Extension Dean's Council. (6 years)
- Served on the Dean's Council of the College of Human Ecology .(4 years)
- Served as administrative liaison to more than 40 County Extension Councils in Minnesota and Iowa. (8 years)

Working with Volunteers

- Recruited and trained Maine youth and adult volunteers to serve on state advisory committees. (5 years)
- Recruited and trained volunteers to serve on County Extension Councils (8 years).

Board of Trustees

- Served as Secretary and member of the New York State 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. (5 years)
- Represented the State 4-H Office on the Maine 4-H Foundation. (5 years)

Program Planning and Evaluation

- Conducted community needs assessment then planned and evaluated University Extension/Outreach Programs in five states (28 years).

WORK HISTORY

- 4-H Youth Development Volunteerism Specialist, Maine Cooperative Extension, 1/2001-7/2005.
- Director of Cooperative Extension/Outreach for North Central Iowa, Iowa Cooperative Extension, 10/1998-12/2000.
- State 4-H Program Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 10/1993-9/1998.
- Director of Cooperative Extension/Outreach for Northeast Minnesota, Minnesota Cooperative Extension 6/1987-10/1993.
- Associate Dean Extension/Outreach, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, 9/1983-6/1987.
- Human Development Specialist, Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service and Assistant Professor, 9/1977-9/1983.
- Instructor and Fieldwork Supervisor, Child and Family Service Program, State University of New York-Plattsburgh, 9/1975-9/1977.